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Amendments to the Claims:

Cancel Claims 1-9 and 11-16 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

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17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[15]] 20, further comprising the step of providing interengaging a the first fastener component in the form of a mechanical hook material with [[a]] the cooperating fastener component in the form of a loop material.

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[15]] 20, further comprising the steps step of disengaging the wings after use and utilizing the selectively releasable interengaging fasteners to secure the article in a configuration convenient for disposal.

20. (New) A method for securing a personal care article to a fabric undergarment, the method comprising;

providing a personal care article comprising:

a top surface defining a topsheet side,

a bottom surface defining a backsheet side,

a garment attachment adhesive applied to the bottom surface,

a peel strip covering the garment attachment adhesive,

a first wing extending from a first longitudinal edge of the personal care article and a second wing extending from a second longitudinal edge of the personal care article, each wing having a fixed end, a free end, a top surface and a bottom surface; and

selectively releasable, interengaging fasteners including: (i) a first fastener component forming at least a portion of one of the surfaces of the first wing and at least a portion of one of the surfaces of the second wing generally adjacent the free end of each wing, each first fastener component including an engagement section having a plurality of engagement members; and (ii) a cooperating fastener component forming at least a portion of the other surface of the first wing and at least a portion of the other surface of the second wing generally adjacent the free end of each wing, both the one surface of the first wing and the one surface of the second wing being either the top surface or the bottom surface; such that the wings are adapted to be temporarily mechanically engaged on the topsheet side of the article and then reconfigured to hold the article to the undergarment;

overlapping and temporarily interengaging the first fastening component of one wing and the cooperating fastener of the other wing on the top surface of the personal care article;

removing the peel strip protecting the garment adhesive;

positioning the article in the undergarment and securing the article to the undergarment utilizing the garment adhesive; and

disengaging the wings on the top surface and re-engaging the first fastening component of one wing and the cooperating fastener of the other wing after the wings are wrapped around the undergarment to further secure the article to the undergarment for use.

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21. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the step of re-engaging the first fastener component further comprises the step of positioning the first fastener component on the wing adjacent the bottom surface of the personal care article adjacent the fabric of the undergarment therebetween the bottom surface of the personal care article and engaging the fastener component on the one wing adjacent the fabric of the undergarment with the fabric of the undergarment.

22. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the step of providing the personal care article comprises providing a sanitary napkin.

23. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the step of providing the personal care article comprises providing a sanitary napkin.

24. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the step of providing the personal care article comprises providing a sanitary napkin.

25. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the step of providing the personal care article comprises providing a sanitary napkin.